GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF COOKING GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of cooking gas in the country due to recent fire in a private sector refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the supply position of cooking gas in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : At present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) as per the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. However, OMCs have reported a backlog of 2-8 days in some Southern States like Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu due to unplanned shutdown of refineries, transporters strike, bad road conditions and riots in Mangalore.

(c) : Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in these States by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours.